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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Programme of work

Other matters

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

There will be a briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General, in her capacity as Chair of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, *today*, 2 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. *Member States are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.*

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of October 2009 (Viet Nam) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month of October, *today*, 2 October 2009, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The President of the Security Council for the month of October will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of October, *today*, 2 October 2009, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast <www.un.org/webcast>.

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Security Council

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Security Council < www.un.org/sc >, in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 19 July 2006 (S/2006/507). Copies of the tentative forecast have also been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas as of *today*, 2 October 2009.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Monday, 5 October 2009, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; room S-3520), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

[*Note:* For enquiries, please contact Mr. Vesselin Kostov, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail sc-1540-committee@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3577; room S-3055I). An interactive session will follow the general debate until *today*. Further information on the 1540 Committee, including official documents and background materials for the comprehensive review can be accessed at the following address: <ww.un.org/sc/1540/ComprehensiveReview-OpenMeeting.shtml>.]

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1675th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 76 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 243rd meeting (closed) Conference Room 3

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Human resources management

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 2 October 2009

Second Committee

Meeting of the co-sponsors of General Assembly resolution 63/142 (A/RES/63/142), entitled "Legal empowerment of the poor and eradication of poverty" (under agenda item 57) (convened by the delegations of Guatemala and Switzerland)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Other meetings

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Friday, 2 October 2009

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Arab Group (on First Committee experts)

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

2009 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Consultation on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) joint statement at the First Committee (organized by the Permanent Mission of Myanmar)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

African Group (Sixth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Other activities

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Friday, 2 October 2009

Informal briefing on the work of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) for delegates of the Second and Third Committees (organized by UNIFEM)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ingrid Arnò, UNIFEM (e-mail ingrid.arno@unifem.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5149).]

Commemoration of International Day of Non-Violence and release of a commemorative stamp by the United Nations Postal Administration (organized by the Permanent Mission of India)

From 5 to 6 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact, Mr. Acquino Vimal, Permanent Mission of India (e-mail indfs_hrs@indiaun.net; tel. 1 (212) 490-9683).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 2 October 2009

Room S-226

11.30 a.m. . . . . H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), President of the General Assembly (on the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh (Viet Nam), President of the Security Council for the month of October (on the programme of work of the Council for the month)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Main Committees

First Committee

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, from Monday, 5, to Monday, 12 October 2009. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Deborah Vollkommer (e-mail vollkommer@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9327; room S-2977).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Timur Alasaniya, Acting Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mail leong@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; room S-2977)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; room S-2977).

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Web site <https://secln069.un.org/quickplace/quickfirst/Main.nsf>. For inquiries regarding QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Ms. Milena Tekeste (e-mail tekeste1@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; room S-2977).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; room S-2977NN)).

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers at <https://4thcommittee.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Second Committee

General debate

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Dolores Lois, *in writing* (e-mail lois@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with past practice of the Second Committee, a time limit of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of groups should be observed. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950C). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Information on the work of the Third Committee is available at the following address: <www.un.org/ga/third/index.shtml>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items to be allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are invited to send their requests to the secretariat of the Third Committee (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950F).

Participants

Delegations that have not communicated the composition of their delegation to the Third Committee are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950D). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting in Conference Room 5.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Monday, 5 October 2009, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:
Scale of assessments (by Mr. Jun Yamazaki, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller); and Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Assistant-Secretary-General/Executive Director); and

Tuesday, 6 October 2009, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:
Budgeting in the United Nations (by Mr. Jun Yamazaki, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller); and Enterprise resource planning (ERP) (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management; Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General; and Mr. Paul van Essche, Director, Enterprise Resource Planning Project).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (c/o Ms. Ana Bürgi (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-0360; room S-2633)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth/>.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-fourth session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee, which is regularly updated <www.un.org/ga/sixth/64/64_session.shtml>. The allocation of agenda items to

the Sixth Committee is contained in document A/C.6/64/1 and the note by the Secretariat on the organization of work was issued as document A/C.6/64/L.1.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 142 (Administration of justice at the United Nations), 106 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) and 78 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-1963; room M-13065, 380 Madison Avenue). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 318th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session of 2009

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill a vacancy in the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Thursday, 8 October 2009, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Information on the election is contained in document E/2009/9/Add/20.

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), also on Thursday, 8 October 2009, immediately following the resumed substantive session, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Mr. Sevil Atasoy, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg).

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027).

United Nations Forum on Forests
Informal "informal" consultations

The final informal "informal" consultations will be convened by the Co-Facilitators of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Boen Purnama (Indonesia) and Mr. Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands), on Thursday, 8 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, in order to conclude the informal consultations process. The discussion will also include setting a date for a one-day special session of the ninth session of the Forum in 2009, as previously agreed in the Economic and Social Council decision, for the purpose of adopting the agreed text of the informal consultations on the means of implementation for sustainable forest management.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 5 October 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Tuesday, 6 October 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Meeting of the co-sponsors of General Assembly resolution 62/99 (A/RES/62/99), entitled "Assistance in mine action" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegation of Sweden, on behalf of the European Union)

Monday, 5 October 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal presentation of the draft resolution on assistance in mine action (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegation of Sweden, on behalf of the European Union)

Tuesday, 6 October 2009, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Second Committee

Informal consultations for middle-income countries on the report of the Secretary-General on development cooperation with middle-income countries (A/64/253) (under agenda item 55) (convened by the delegation of Namibia)

Monday, 5 October 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on building connectivity to the world by Transnational-Eurasian Information Super Highway (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

Thursday, 8 October 2009, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (under agenda item 61) (convened by the delegations of Portugal, the Republic of Moldova and Senegal)

Monday, 5 October 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of co-sponsors on a draft resolution on international cooperation against the world drug problem (under agenda item 105) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 5 October 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on international cooperation against the world drug problem (under agenda item 105) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 7 October 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Monday, 5 October 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*;

Tuesday, 6 October 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 7 October 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (on Third Committee matters) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Tuesday, 6 October 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 7 October 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 7 October 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Monday, 12 October 2009, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "The principle of universal jurisdiction" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Liechtenstein and the United Republic of Tanzania)

Tuesday, 6 October 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Stefan Barriga, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail stefan.barriga@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 228).]

Nineteenth annual celebration of International Day of Older Persons — Aging activism: A global tool to create a society for all ages (organized by the Committee on Ageing of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO), in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Public Information and the United Nations Population Fund, and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Spain and Uruguay)

Thursday, 8 October 2009, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jack Kupferman (e-mail jkupferman@aol.com; tel. 1 (917) 535-0457); or Ms. Valerie Levy (e-mail valeda1@earthlink.net); or visit <http://ngocoa-ny.org/events/program_outline.html>.]

Launching of the joint Council of Europe/United Nations study on trafficking in organs, tissues and cells and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of the removal of organs (co-organized by the Council of Europe and the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI), Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Slovenia and Spain)

Tuesday, 13 October 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Natalia Zakharova, OSAGI (e-mail zakharova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8134).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, in Conference Room 9, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 27 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Spanish*

Tuesday, 27 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Russian*

Wednesday, 28 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *French*

Wednesday, 28 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*

Thursday, 29 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Chinese*

Thursday, 29 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*

Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

Member States are kindly reminded that all communications may be sent to the Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (room C-204; tel. 1 (212) 963-7555).

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 1 October 2009

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Main Committees

First Committee

1st meeting

The Vice-Chairperson, H.E. Mr. Hilario G. Davide, Jr. (Philippines), made a statement.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chairperson made a statement.

The Committee adopted the proposed programme of work and timetable, as contained in document A/63/397, as revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement) and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

1st meeting

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mrs. Heidi Schroderus-Fox (Finland) as its Vice-Chairperson.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/64/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/64/L.1) containing suggestions on the organization of work.

The Committee approved its programme of work, as contained in document A/C.4/64/L.1.

The Chairman also drew members' attention to document A/C.4/64/INF/1, which contained the list of documents before the Committee.

The Committee also decided to establish a Working Group of the Whole, chaired by the delegation of Colombia, to prepare the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of Outer Space), to be issued as document A/C.4/64/L.2.

At the suggestion of the Chairman (A/C.4/64/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on decolonization, under items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39, and to close the list of speakers on those items on Monday, 5 October, at 6 p.m.

The Committee also decided that Tuesday, 6 October, at 4 p.m. would be the deadline for submission of all draft proposals on decolonization items.

Request for hearings

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to Aide-mémoire 01/09 and 01/09/Add.1, containing 96 requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar, Guam, New Caledonia, the United States Virgin Islands and Western Sahara.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of the communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar and from the President of the Government of New Caledonia, who wished to make statements under agenda item 39.

Fifth Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Peter Maurer (Switzerland), declared open the first meeting of the Fifth Committee of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The Chairman reminded the Committee of the election of Mr. Danilo Rosales Díaz (Nicaragua), Mr. Babou Sene (Senegal) and Ms. Sirthon Wairatpanij (Thailand) as Vice-Chairmen, and Ms. Yuliana Zhivkova Georgieva (Bulgaria) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 18 September 2009 from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/64/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda by the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee. The Chairman further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/64/L.1) and to the proposed programme of work submitted by the Bureau for the main part of the session.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the recommendations of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/64/250, as well as of the observations of the Chairman that delegations ensured that their colleagues in the Main

Committees completed consideration of all draft resolutions having programme budget implications as early as possible, and not later than 1 December 2009, in order to enable the Fifth Committee to consider them in a timely manner.

Statements concerning the status of documentation and on the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Sweden (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries of Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Pakistan and the United States.

The Committee approved the proposed programme of work for the first week on the understanding that the Bureau would adjust the programme of work, taking into account the observations made.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set Tuesday, 20 October 2009, as the deadline for the submission of candidatures to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 112 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments), and Friday, 6 November 2009, as the date of the appointments.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2009* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Tunisia
H.E. Mr. Ghazi Jomaa

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom
H.E. Sir John Sawers

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 1 October 2009.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-fourth session
A/64/119/Add.1	Item 101 of the provisional agenda — Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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